Term 3 - Week 1 – 16th July 2014

Principals Report

P-4 Class Captains:
At Monday’s assembly the P-4 Class Captains for Term 3 were announced and I would like to congratulate the following students on being selected for this important role:

Year Prep: Taylah Rohan and Jack Richie
Year 1/2A: Elise Killen and Ashton Maher
Year 1/2B: Alice Kain and Charlie Calvert
Year 1/2C: Georgia Taylor and Zarhn Falstead
Year 3/4A: Tasha Killen and Oliver Martin
Year 3/4B: Ali Mann and Simon Atkinson

School for Student Leadership: Dinner Plain
This weekend four of our Year 9 students will be travelling to Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps to commence their term at the School for Student Leadership. It will be a great opportunity for the students: Brooke Harfoot, Lizzy Kelly, Renae Reynolds and Harry Hobbs to not only experience this fantastic leadership program but also to live in a very different environment for the next nine weeks. Last week the level of snow in the Victorian Alps was described as a ‘once in a generation’ occurrence!

Parent Engagement Workshop- Warrnambool Thursday 17 July

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Deakin University is conducting a parent engagement workshop this Thursday 17 July. The title of the workshop is ‘Learning how to learn: supporting your kids to achieve” and aims to provide strategies for parents to support their young people in education. The evening is specifically aimed at parents with children in Years 5-8. The workshop will be held at the Deakin city centre building which is the former Regal Café building next to the Art Gallery between 7pm and 9pm. More details are in the brochure which is part of this newsletter.

Warrnambool Eisteddfod debating

Next week we have six teams participating in the debating section of the Warrnambool Eisteddfod. The Years 5/6 team of Anna Roxburgh, Ned Quail and Taine DeManser are debating, “That primary classes should have two classroom teachers.” We have two Years 7&8 teams; the first team of Keely Moore, Phoebe Calvert and Harry Quail are debating, “That the Playstation has destroyed the playground,” whilst the second team of Brody Moore, Issac Fowler and Grace Thulborn will be exploring the notion “That good news is not news.”

In the Years 9&10 section we also have two teams with one team comprising Jake Tanner, Shona McGuigan and Bree Cummins debating “That organised sport is legalised violence,” and the team of Jacob Pugh, Cooper Lower and Gerald Monteith arguing “That newspapers are a thing of the past.” In the senior section we have a team comprising Charmarelle McCarroll, Bree Cummins and Asha Kelly debating the topic, “That the pen is mightier than the sword.”

Good luck to all our debaters! It is a great opportunity for those participating to explore a particular topic or issue in depth, develop a range of arguments and then use their powers of persuasion to good effect.
Mortlake College Equestrian team

During the first week of the holidays, five members of the school equestrian team competed at the Inter-school Equestrian Championships which were held at Werribee Park. The team performed really well and achieved some great results. Congratulations to Stacey Shalders, Gerald Monteith, Airlia Munn and Asha and Lizzy Kelly for representing the school with such distinction and thanks to the parents involved for their ongoing commitment. Special congratulations to Airlia, Asha and Lizzy who have qualified for the national championships to be held later in the year.

State cross country championships; Years 5&6 Tri-Sports

On Thursday three of our students will be competing at Bundoora Park in Melbourne in the state cross-country championships. It has been a really significant achievement for Bree Kirkwood, Isaac Wareham and Tyler Fowler to reach this level of competition and we wish them all the best as they compete in what is expected to be very difficult conditions.

The Years 5&6 students had a great time participating in the tri-sports at Terang on Wednesday with all teams proving to be very competitive and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. Well done to all who were involved.

Reminders!

Don’t forget to purchase your tickets to the Parent Association’s ‘Banquet in the BER’ to be held on Friday 25 July. They are available at the school office. It promises to be a really enjoyable evening with a delicious meal and lots of terrific items to be auctioned on the night.

Also, please keep in mind that Monday 4 August is a Curriculum day and as such is a pupil-free day.

Graeme Good

Just a reminder to parents about our new App for iPhones, iPads and smartphones.....

The “Skoolbag” App can be downloaded from both iTunes and Google Play Store... just search for “Mortlake p-12 College”.....

So far, we are using it to—

♦ Distribute the weekly newsletter—parents are commenting how easy it is to view.
♦ Sending important “alerts”... up to the minute information about your children’s events .....eg. Yesterday we informed parents about the Tri-Sports being cancelled for today.
♦ Absence Notes - Parents can send us notes quickly and easily explaining their child’s absence...no phone calls, no texts!
♦ PLEASE CHECK IT OUT TODAY ..... IT IS OUR NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL!
In the 8-12 Inspire house meeting on Wednesday Lily spoke about her trip to Disneyland during first semester.

This was part of our ‘Show and Tell’ program where every student in the house has the opportunity to talk about something they have done and/or bring along something to show.

We enjoyed Lily’s photos but were glad not to be standing in some of the queues! Thanks very much Lily for sharing your trip with us.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If you are a new parent to the school, or if you are a Parent or Guardian now in receipt of a Health Care Card, you will be able to apply for the 2nd half of EMA. Please come to the office to complete form.

Parents & Guardians who received EMA in the first half of the year & still retain a Health Care Card need not reapply.
EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS Week 1, Term 3

Well done to the Mortlake College riders who competed in the State Interschool Equestrian Championships at Werribee in the first week of the holidays.

Fortunately the weather was better than the previous week, however it was still extremely cold. Mortlake riders were: Asha Kelly (2 horses), Lizzy Kelly (2 horses), Airlia Munn (2 horses) Stacey Shalders on Jimmy and Gerald Monteith who had 3 showjumpers competing.

Our riders (in 2 teams) did themselves, and the College proud. Stacey Shalders who is the College Equestrian Captain, set a great example, riding really well on Jimmy, and enjoying her last chance to ride in this event. Riders had 3 rounds at their chosen height and got to ride in the indoor arena as well as in the outdoor arenas. Mortlake College was the only non-private school in the first 28 team places listed on the results page on the EV website results page. And, having won this title 3 times in previous years really do not have to prove anything. More photos are on the Noticeboard. Well done all of you!

Special congratulations to Asha, Airlia and Lizzy who have all qualified to compete at the National Interschools, also being held at Werribee, in October.
The Parents Association are hosting

“THE CHRISTMAS IN JULY - BANQUET IN THE BER”.

Friday 25th July
6:30pm
3 course meal and a welcome drink
(Please bring your own other drinks and glass)

Followed by a Goods & Services Auction.

$30 each - tickets on sale at General Office now.....only 7 school days left to purchase your ticket!!

Please support this major fundraiser....... so we can help our kids....our school.
Dear Parents,

Family motivation in reading activities can have a strong, positive impact on a child’s educational achievement. A Scholastic Book Fair is your school’s pop-up bookshop event that will enable a hands-on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading.

Shortly your child will receive an invitation to the Book Fair. Look through this invitation with your child to pre-select some possible choices together and pay for your books at the Book Fair. Have fun choosing books together with your child!

If you are unable to attend the Fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation. List your choices on the invitation and pay in advance using one of two methods: • Pay online. • Pay by phone.

Be sure your child brings this invitation and completed form back to the school on the days of the Book Fair.

There will be many more books and fun packs for your child to choose from at the Book Fair. Parents and Grandparents are most welcome as it is an ideal chance to do some early Christmas or Birthday shopping.

Every purchase you make earns learning and literacy resources for your school!

LET’S GROW READERS!
State Cross Country

All the best to Tyler Fowler, Isaac Wareham and Brie Kirkwood who will be representing the school at the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne on Thursday 17th July.

State Nominations

Information regarding state nominations and other sports can be found on the School Sport Victoria website.

www.ssv.vic.edu.au

Nathan Jones

Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
TERM 3

For those lucky enough to secure a place…… Don’t forget…..

Swimming at Bubbles Aquatic starts next Wednesday (23rd July), then other dates are 30th July, (then miss a week), 13th August, 20th August, 27th August, 3rd September, 10th September.

And

Gymnastics starts Thursday 31st July, then 7th August, 14th August, 21st August, 28th August, 4th September, 11th September.

(Both run for 7 sessions)
Thank you for our playground!

Last term Grade 1/2C spent some time learning how to write a letter. The students then completed their own thank you letters to the Parents Association.

Dear Parents,
Thank you for our new playground. I love everything on our wonderful play ground. I am impressed with our lovely play ground. I enjoyed playing on the awesome playground.

From Scarlett

Dear Parent's,
Thank you for our new playground. I love it. It is really fun to play on. I play on it every day. I love the flying fox. It is really really fun. It makes me feel excited. I am glad it is ready to play on.

From Chloe

Dear Parent's,
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From Georgia
HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SPOT

As part of our healthy lunchbox program in Semester 1, a parent survey was conducted. One outcome of this was that parents wanted to be provided with ongoing support via recipes and food ideas. So we will be regularly providing this via our newsletter. This week a bit of a refresher of what we learnt to get us all back into the lunchbox groove....

Top tips
• Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Vary the selection to keep it interesting.
• Offer a variety of whole grain breads, rolls, pita bread and flat breads.
• Use dairy foods. Cheese and yoghurt are ideal.
• Kids need a serve of protein at lunchtime. Ensure you include lean meat, egg, chickpeas or tuna.
• Add a chilled bottle of water

Next time.......’Using leftovers in our lunchbox’

Have you lost a brand new size 4 ½ Bloch ballet shoe?

There are also lots of green school windcheaters & lunchboxes. Please come and check lost property in the P-4 area if you are missing any items.
Today the Year 8-10 students in the ‘Eating for Performance’ Food Technology unit began their work for the semester by producing a food product using a dairy ingredient. This was an invention test because the students only had the dairy products that were placed on their table to work with, and had to come up with their own recipes. They did a great job as you can see from the photos, and showed creativity in their work!
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – STUDENT WANTED!

Due to some unexpected withdrawals, I have room for two students to start music lessons this term. Learning a musical instrument can be very beneficial for a child. Not only does it assist with their reading and mathematical skills, it can improve hand-eye co-ordination and concentration as well. That is why I offer music lessons for anyone at the school.

For children aged five to eight (roughly Prep to Grade Three) I offer piano, recorder, guitar and violin. These are the easiest to learn at that age, and the latter two come in different sizes to accommodate small fingers. For the older students, I also offer flute, clarinet, trumpet saxophone and drums (for anything else, please enquire).

I also offer lessons of different lengths. Twenty minute lessons are ideal for those who have trouble concentrating for long periods of time or who are young, and thirty minute lessons are for the older children or those who can sit still long enough!

If you are interested in having your child or children learn an instrument, please contact me on (03)55623975.

Melanie Pocknall

Instrumental Music Teacher
Terang Harness Racing Club

Christmas in July

22nd July 2014

Enjoy Christmas fare in the comfort of our Dining Room complete with Bar and TAB facilities.

Two-course meal $25

Complimentary Sherry

Bookings essential

phone 55921785

Meals served from 5.30pm

Regular meals also available
1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

Open to the general public

A parenting program to create a more peaceful household, less arguing and fewer angry moments.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program is easy to learn, easy to use, down to earth parenting program to help parents gently and firmly manage the behaviour of children in the 2-12 year old age range. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Carers all welcome.

The program aims to help parents gain practical tips on how to get children to:
- stop doing the things that drive parents crazy like arguing, fighting, yelling etc.
- start to do things parents want children to do
- develop children’s emotional intelligence

1-2-3 Magic provides parents with strategies to sort between different types of behaviour and use less talk, less emotion which lessens both parent and child feelings of emotional stress and helps children to understand and better manage their emotions.

Date: Mondays: 18th & 25th August and 1st September—3 Week Program.
Time: 6.30pm—9pm. Venue: Centacare Office, Level 1, 142 Timor Street, Warrnambool
Cost: Free (Sorry, no child care available)

For enquiries and bookings please phone: Angela on 5559 3000 by 11th August 2014.
Living with Teens

A 3 week program for parents of 10 - 15 year olds

Living with Teens will:
- Help parents understand and cope better with the challenges of early adolescence.
- Provide parents with information and skills for developing and maintaining trusting, positive relationships with their young adolescents.

During sessions parents have the opportunity to discuss and practice a range of strategies and ideas including:
- Adolescent development
- Connecting and communicating
- Negotiating boundaries
- Solving problems
- Setting effective limits
- Parental self care

(Sorry, no childcare available)

For enquiries and bookings
Contact Angela: 5559 3000 by: Tuesday 22nd July.
HOW TO REGISTER

Register by Thursday 10 July 2014 at:

Complete the form online, telling us how many adults and children are attending.

If you are unable to complete the registration form online, please contact us with your name and number of adults and children attending.
Email kerry.tucker@deakin.edu.au
Phone 03 5227 8098
SMS 0417 955998

YOUR REMINDER

Learning how to learn:
Supporting your kids to achieve
Thursday 17 July 2014, 7–9 pm
Civic Room, Deakin on Timor
Warrnambool City Centre, 165 Timor St
Tea, coffee and sandwiches provided

Contact for enquiries
Kerry Tucker
School Partnership Offices
Student Access and Equity, Deakin University
kerry.tucker@deakin.edu.au
03 5227 8098

LEARNING HOW TO LEARN
SUPPORTING YOUR KIDS TO ACHIEVE

Thursday 17 July 2014
7–9 pm
Civic Room, Deakin on Timor,
Warrnambool City Centre
165 Timor St

Deakin Engagement and Access Program (DEAP) is a partnership between Deakin University and selected schools in Victoria. It aims to build on aspirations for higher education, enabling more people from diverse backgrounds to access and participate in higher education.

To find out more about Deakin University visit deakin.edu.au/parents
**2014 CALENDAR**

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**Do you love a Christmas feast?? ....then get your tickets for the Banquet in the BER !!**